NEKO HIROTTA SHITA I PICKED UP A CAT

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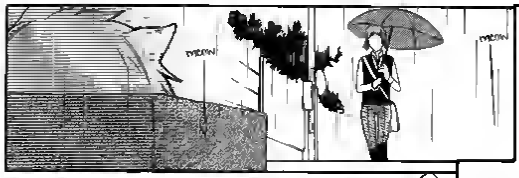
RAIN GENTLY POURS DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF JUNE.



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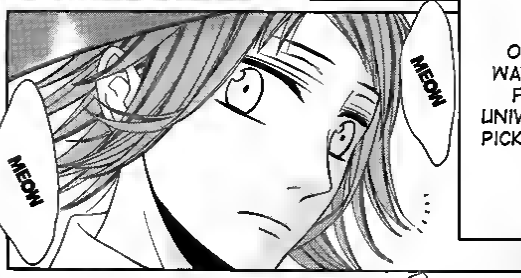

ON MY WAY BACK FROM UNIVERSITY, PICKED UP...

I PICKED UP...

I HAPPENED TO COME UPON A WEIRDO.
MEOW
I PICKED UP A STRAY CAT.
WITH A POP STAR MAKES A STRIKING DEBUT!
A SURREAL RISING
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME
MY NAME IS APOLLO
MEOW
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SPLASH
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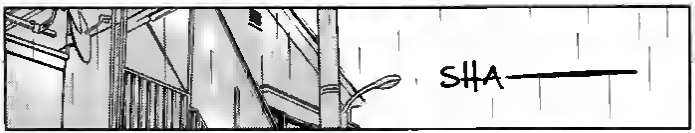
TAKE ME HOME
APOLLO
NO NO NO, I DIDN'T PICK YOU UP
I DID NOT PICK YOU UP, YOU HEAR?
WHAT'S WRONG? LET'S HURRY TO YOUR HOUSE!
UM, I'M VERY SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT
HMM?
WELL
OH, I GET IT
SO IS THAT WHAT IT IS?
MY NAME IS APOLLO!
THAT'S NOT IT!
EVERYONE ALSO CALLS ME "SHINING APOLLO". THE LIGHT WHO WILL SHINE UPON THE FUTURE!!
WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU ASSUME I WAS GONNA SAY?

I THINK THE BIGGEST PAIN IS YOU, BRO.
WHISPER
GUH...
Can you believe they're standing in the middle of the street like that...?
WHISPER
Did you see that? Today's youngsters are awful...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP YOU,
AND HONESTLY, YOU FOLLOWING ME HOME IS A PAIN!!
GEEZ SINCE YOU'VE COME TO THAT CONCLUSION
I'LL JUST SAY IT DIRECTLY
HOWEVER
GRAB
THAT'S A BUMMER
I SEE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STARE
WIPE
WIPE
I WAS TOLD OVER AND OVER "TOKYO IS A SCARY PLACE, SO BE CAREFUL."
rattle
rattle
THREE MONTHS AGO I MOVED TO TOKYO
close
OH THANKS! I was really cold
ONCE YOU'RE DRY, PLEASE GET OUT
TO ATTEND A UNIVERSITY

WHISTLE
APOLLO
WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION? IT'S REALLY ANNOYING, YOU KNOW.
I'VE BEEN CAUGHT BY A REAL NUISANCE.
NO, NO, IT'S JUST THAT YOUR STARE WAS SO HOT THAT IT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE
I CAN'T HELP BUT TO STARE
SIGH
WHILE I DO THINK IT'S WRONG TO MAKE FUN OF OTHER PEOPLE'S TASTES
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?
I SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS ABOUT MYSELF, BUT
ISN'T MY FACE QUITE CUTE?
AHH THIS?
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
SO I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD GO FOR THE "I'M STILL A BEAST YOU KNOW!" APPEAL
THAT'S WHY I'M OFTEN UNDERESTIMATED
WITH THIS LEOPARD PRINT-
I WASN'T ASKING ABOUT THAT!!!

*Cat Teahouse
*Cat Music
*Cat Cafe
SO I TOLD MYSELF, IF WE MEN STAY CROUCHED IN THE MOUNTAINS, WE'LL END UP OUT OF FASHION
THAT'S WHY I LEFT AND CAME HERE

OUR PEOPLE, THE MEOW-MEOW TRIBE, HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A SECLUDED RAVINE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
OUR PEOPLE RARELY COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS
THE MEOW-MEOW TRIBE

*The poster he's holding:
(Title) Aimantime (Right) This Fall, the 3rd season starts!
(Left) Catch the Cat special edition (Bottom) CAT BUTLER

BUT I WAS A HUGE HIT IN A VERY DIFFERENT SENSE.
We have some questions about that outfit of yours
It's okay now
okay

EVEN THOUGH OUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT, WE BOTH CAME TO TOKYO ALONE.
PAT
I'M SORRY FOR SAYING MEAN THINGS LIKE "GET OUT OF HERE".
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND HIS\PAINFUL FEELINGS
I DON'T MIND IF YOU STAY HERE UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS.
AND AFTER THAT, A LOT OF OTHER THINGS HAPPENED TOO
SOME NEIGHBORHOOD BRATS THREW STONES AT ME
SOME WOMEN STARTED SCREAMING "PERVERT" AFTER I'VE ONLY MET EYES WITH THEM
NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENED
HIC
HIC
HIC
OH, I SEE...
AH...

WOW. SERIOUSLY?
BY THE WAY, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT?
My belly is making noise.
HIC...
GROWL...
HIC...
THAT WAS YOUR STOMACH?!!!!!

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THEN.
THE RAIN KEEPS POURING DOWN WITHOUT STOPPING.
MY HOUSE HAS...
ONE MEDIUM BACON AND MUSHROOM PIZZA
AND A COKE ASAP, PLEASE.
PIZZA

...BEEN COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER.

AND IT'S ALSO ANNOYING THAT THE LAUNDRY WON'T DRY
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT RECENTLY I'VE BEEN THINKING IT'S TOO BAD THE RAIN WON'T STOP FALLING
WHAT'S UUUUUP? WHY'RE YOU SIGHING LIKE THAT?
STRETCH
APOLLO
STRETCH
HAAA
TOUCH
BUT
WHEN YOU'RE ALONE, YOUR MIND STARTS TO WANDER, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE A LOT OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS
WHEN THE RAIN WON'T STOP IT MAKES PEOPLE DEPRESSED

ISN'T THAT PRECISELY WHY WE'RE TOGETHER AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
NO MATTER WHAT HARDSHIP COMES OUR WAY, AS LONG AS THE TWO OF US ARE TOGETHER, WE CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING!
APOLLO,
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
WHAT'S DEPRESSING ME
IS YOU.
Heave ho...
STRETCH
STRETCH
HMM, SHOULD I CALL OVER SOME BUDDIES AND HAVE A PARTY?
10
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAY--
OH, HEY, IT'S ME. HOW ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER NOW?
THAT WAS FAST!!!!
YEAH, RIGHT NOW, RIGHT NOW!
WHA-
STAGGER

OMARI'S SISTER
HTTP://OMARIS-SISTER.BLOGSPOT.COM/
FOR HIGH QUALITY VERSION

SNAP!
AND DONE!!!!
WHAT DID YOU JUST DOOOOOOO ??!!
SMACK
LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE WITH EV-ERYONE...
RUN
RUN
FWSH

BICKER
BICKER
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU!!!
HEY, HEY, WHY'D YOU DO THAT??!!
YOU WERE USING MY MOBILE PHONE WITHOUT ASKING!
THAT PHONE WAS MINE TO BEGIN WITH!!!
OH, YOU FIGURED IT OUT

DING DONG
EH? WHO COULD THAT BE
DING DONG
PLEASE DON'T CAUSE ME ANY MORE TROUBLE
KER
UH, COMING!
DING DONG
I'M OPENING THE DOOR NOW
CHAK

APOLLO-CHAAAN, WE CAME TO PLAY!
WOOOOW. THEY'RE FAST.
CLATTER
CLATTER
OH, YOU'RE HERE ALREADY! THAT WAS QUICK!
EHEHE, WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU IN FRONT OF THE FOYER.
THE SMALL ONE IS MIKE
AND THE GRUMPY FACE BEHIND HIM IS KURO.
MY NAME IS SHAM
SMILE
I'M REALLY SORRY TO IMPOSE UPON YOU SO SUDDENLY
OH, HAVE THESE IF YOU LIKE
EH? THAT'S
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY ACCEPT

*Bag -- (Top) Sweets (Bottom) Cat Treats

OH? HE SEEMS TO BE A GOOD GUY.
THEY BOTHER YOU, TOO, SHAM?
REALLY.
GUYS LIKE THEM SHOULD JUST DIE.
INDEED.
THEY REALLY ARE A NOISY BUNCH AREN'T THEY ANNOYING?
YAY!
GYAHAHA
YAY!
Kyahaha!
Oh. Can I try my new techniques Hey Hey later
Bring it on!
punch
punch
punch
HONESTLY, TROUBLING OTHERS WITHOUT THINKING AT THEIR AGE...
NO MATTER WHERE THEY GO, THEY'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS
AHAHA IS THAT SO?
Wahaha!
HUH?
WHAT?
THEY SHOULD GO HIT THEIR HEADS ON THE CORNER OF A BLOCK OF TOFU AND DIE.
snicker
Gyahaha!
It's a feast! A feast!
IT'S NO GOOD, THIS GUY IS THE WORST OF THEM
HA HAA
OR GET THEIR BUTTS BITTEN BY SOME BUTT-EATING INSECTS AND DROP DEAD.
snicker

CRUNCH
PUNCH!
BAM
MIKE-MIKE LARIAT !!!!
POW
MIKE-MIKE UPPER-CUT !!!
BONK
CRASH
MIKE-MIKE DROP-KICK !!!
GYAHAHA! DO YOU GIVE UP? DO YOU GIVE UP?
HE CAN STILL GO ON!
PLEASE GIVE UP.
One
Two
I KNOW YOU'RE FIRED UP, BUT
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU HEAD HOME.
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE.
OH MY, MY, I DIDN'T NOTICE.
Haa
SIGH.
THEN WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE

chirp
chirp
MHM
BY THE TIME I CAME TO
HUH
THEY WERE GONE
EHHHH!??
WITH AN AFTER-PARTY!??
LET'S DO IT! LET'S DO IT!
AND WITH THAT, THE WEIRD TENSION CONTINUED AND THEIR RAMBUNCTIOUS PARTY LASTED UNTIL THE MORNING
AND THEN
WOOOOW, WHAT BEAUTIFUL BLUE SKY!
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE LOUD, I CAN'T HELP BUT
Silence...
I SEE, AS PROMISED HE LEFT WHEN THE SKY CLEARED UP
BUT I WONDER WHY.
BUT THEY SURE LEFT A MESS

FEEL KINDA LONELY NOW.
YO. WE CAME BACK!
CHAK
KER
WE'RE HOME!
Jin-ik
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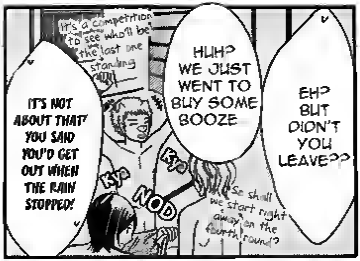
HUH? WE JUST WENT TO BUY SOME BOOZE
EH? BUT DIDN'T YOU LEAVE??
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT! YOU SAID YOU'D GET OUT WHEN THE RAIN STOPPED!
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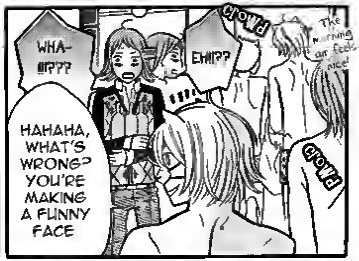
WHA- HUH???
EHH??
HAHAHA, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE MAKING A FUNNY FACE
GROWL
GROWL

AND THAT'S HOW THE CURTAINS OPENED ON MY DAYS OF HARDSHIP.
GET OUT!!!!
OH, THAT? BUT MY HEART'S ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF A DOWNPOUR.
END

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